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Listing of Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 are canceled.

- 17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for generating a[[n]]cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in a host, comprising, administering to the host a sufficient amount of PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof and an effective amount of a cytokine or co-stimulatory molecule.
- 18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The A method of claim 17 for generating a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in a host, comprising, administering to the host a sufficient amount of PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof, and an effective amount of a cytokine or costimulatory molecule and, further comprising at least one periodic interval thereafter administering to the host a sufficient amount of additional PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof to boost the immune response.
- 19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 18, wherein the host is administered a boosting amount of PSA by introducing a pox virus vector to the host having at least one insertion site containing a DNA segment encoding PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof operably linked to a promoter capable of expression in the host.
- 20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 19, wherein the pox virus is selected from the group of pox viruses consisting of suipox, avipox, and capripox and orthopox virus.
- 21. (CANCEL)
- 22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 20, wherein the avipox is fowlpox, canary pox [[and]] or pigeon pox.
- 23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 20, wherein the suipox is swinepox.

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- 24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 or 18, wherein the PSA or T-cell eliciting epitope is formulated with an adjuvant or is in a liposomal formulation.
- 25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 24, wherein the adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of RIBI Detox, QS21 and incomplete Freund's adjuvant.
- 26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 or 18, wherein the cytokine is selected from the group consisting of IL-2, IL-6 or IL-12.
- 27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 or 18, wherein the costimulatory molecule is selected from the group consisting of B7.1 or B7.2.
- 28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 18, further comprising administering to the host additional cytokine or co-stimulatory molecule.
- 29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 18, wherein the pox virus vector further contains a DNA encoding a cytokine or co-stimulatory molecule.
- 30. (NEW) The method of claim 19, wherein the host is initially administered the PSA or cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof by introducing a pox virus vector to the host having at least one insertion site containing a DNA segment encoding PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof operably linked to a promoter capable of expression in the host.
- 31. (NEW) The method of claim 30, wherein the pox virus is selected from the group of pox viruses consisting of suipox, avipox, capripox and orthopox.
- 32. (NEW) The method of claim 31, wherein the pox virus is the orthopox virus.
- 33. (NEW) The method of claim 32, wherein the orthopox virus is vaccinia.
- 34. (NEW) The method of claim 33, wherein the boosting amount of PSA is administered by introducing an avipox.

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35. (NEW) A method for generating a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting immune response to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in a host, comprising, contacting the host with a sufficient amount of PSA or a cytotoxic T-cell eliciting epitope thereof and an effective amount of a co-stimulatory molecule, wherein the PSA or T-cell eliciting epitope is formulated with an adjuvant or is in a liposomal formulation.